

Amendment dated September 19, 2006

First Preliminary Amendment

**REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 4, 7, 14 and 17 are cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-13, 15, 16 and 18-25 are amended to delete multiple dependencies and to delete reference numerals. Also, the phrase "characterized in that" is changed to "wherein". Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-13, 15, 16 and 18-25 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 11 being independent claims. The specification and claims have been amended to incorporate changes made in the International phase. No new matter has been added.

The application is now ready for examination on the merits. If there are questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment, please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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